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The Shuttle Scene . . .

DC/OPCers INVITE NY/OPC TO CAPITOL FUNCTION

The Overseas Press Club/Washington is inviting the entire membership of the U.S. Senate to meet H.E., the ambassador of Portugal, Dr. Hall Temide, at a tasting of fine Porto wines, including some rare vintages, in the U.S. Capitol, Senate Room 207, 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 6.

Admission for members and their invited guests is \$5 each, to the capacity of the Senate Reception Room.

In charge of reservations is *Charles Garnett*, Chairman of Events, OPC Washington, 4714 Park Lane, Suitland, Maryland, 20023. (Phone: 301-736-5429.)

Sen. James Buckley, Conservative, N.Y., arranged for the prestigious setting. Sen. John V. Tunney, Democrat, Cal., among featured celebrity guests, will receive a vintage labeled the old-fashioned way, as port (now porto) and bottled in the year of his birth.

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OUT OF TIME-LIFE INTO 3 WEST 51

By GEORGE E. BURNS

A squad of distinguished members in unaccustomed motley, the lumberjack shirt, the gardening trousers, the tennis shoes, lined up before the OPC's celebrated Wall of Clocks, drew themselves to their best recollection of attention, saluted gravely, and pulled the plug.

Time stopped all over the world.

It was 1:27 A.M. in Peking, 2:27 A.M. in Tokyo, 12:27 E.S.T. in New York, 2:27 P.M. in Rio de Janeiro, 5:27 P.M. in London, and 3:33 A.M. in Moscow.

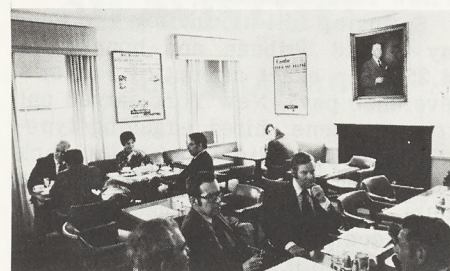
"Damned Communists," one member muttered, "never in step with the rest of the world."

Thus ended the OPC's tenancy in the Time-Life Building on Saturday May 12, after a seven-month standoff battle against the massed forces of Economics.

Moving chairman *Sol Zatt* deployed the game little rear guard that covered the evacuation. It was *John McAllister*, *Leon Thiel*, *Marguerite Cartwright*, and *George Burns's* job to inventory the liquor. It was *Judge Allman's* job to watch *McAllister*, *Thiel*, *Cartwright* and *Burns*.

An advance party of *John Parry*, *Wilma Dobie* and *Mrs. Allman* established a command post in the new quarters two blocks away, and armed with elaborate charts traffic cop'd the movers, whistling and waving a banquette into this corner, a service bar into that, an owl into a third.

When the dust, the furniture, and the movers settled, the baleful birds



Above & below, members find a new home away from home at new h.q.



Photos by Robert Martinott

surveyed the small room with an L-shaped bar, a half dozen stools and a few tables, a larger room ringed with banquettes and lined with small tables and chairs, and a spacious marble-floor foyer destined for more tables and chairs, but at the moment a warehouse of TVs, files, and upended chairs.

Several days later, a crew comprising *John Luter*, *Nan Lawrence*, *Sonia Ediff*, *Pat Ludorf*, *Dorothy Allman*, *Larry Blochman*, *John Parry*, *Matt Baskin*, *Al Wall* and *Larry Stessin*, installed on the walls the famed front pages that identify the OPC clubrooms.

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The Menditto Saga: Night Bartender to Manager in 18 Years

Jim Menditto slowed from run to jog on his managerial rounds the day before the Club officially opened for business in its new h.q. at 3 West 51 Street. He was being interviewed on the 18th year to the day after he voluntarily signed on for duty at the OPC.

The year was 1955, the day May 22. *Lou Lochner* was president of the Club. It was the late *James V. Foley*, then OPC manager, who hired *James E. Menditto* — fresh from a year or so in California — as night bartender at "the old Club," the 39th Street Club.

Many a long drink and tall story later, after the 40th Street Republican Club days and during our reincarnation at the Democratic Club on 37th street, *Jim Menditto* was named manager of the Overseas Press Club of America. High time, too. He had for many a 12-hour day-after-day been wearing plural hats, as head bartender and acting manager, to name two.

If he had it to do over again? Does he feel 18 years older or younger?

"No comment," says *Jimmy*, accelerating from jog to run.

NEW YORK MAGAZINE: CLAY FELKER TALKS SHOP

By HELEN ALPERT

Larry Stessin, the Sol Hurok of the OPC, scored again with enthusiastic Shoptalkers for his April 3 presentation of Clay S. Felker, editor-publisher of New York magazine.

Springing full-blown from the Sunday Herald Tribune and bought for \$6,250 (the exact amount of Felker's severance pay), New York carved out its own scene, hired engaging typewriters, went public, watched its stock rocket from one cent to 22 cents a share, and now in sublime independence confines itself to readers who seek uncomplicated living in a complicated city.

Ambling along conversationally, former newsman Felker, originally called in as consultant to the Sunday Trib, saw New York lead the paper to a circulation of over one million. He himself directed daring expeditions into the knish and other consumer bafflements, discovering en route he'd pollenized the Underground Gourmet and similar succulents.

To the question "How do you keep it going?" his reply: "One thing you don't do is separate editor and publisher. Great publishing ventures can be founded only by editors." Go nationwide? Not interested. "Circulation only costs you money."

OPC President Jack Raymond made the welcoming address.

LETTERS

One does not ordinarily expect one's wedding pictures to be reprinted 28 years after the event, so my wife and I were utterly flabbergasted to open The Bulletin and see ours. Shocked is the word.

I don't know who arranged this, but whoever it was wasn't too good at captions. I might add this.

Peggy and I were married at the U.S. Ninth Army press camp in Maastrecht, Holland, on Dec. 16, 1945. Many prominent correspondents were there, including Wes Gallagher and those you showed. George Silke and Bill Vandivert shot the pictures which ran in Life. Col. Barney Oldfield ran the wedding, and Major Casey Demsey was best man as the intended best man, Jack Frankish of UP, was unfortunately killed a few days before the wedding at the time of the battle of the Bulge.

After a time with the Chicago Sun in London, where our oldest son — now sales director of the St. Regis hotel in

Penultimate Bash at 40th Street Club



The scene as Western Movie Star Rex Allen and his Men of the West entertained 125 OPCers & guests with cowboy & country songs. It was steak night, ranch style, with prizes for many. Myra Waldo & Rosalind Massow co-chaired.

WASHINGTON TICKER — By JESSIE STEARNS

Henry Burroughs, AP photographer, won top honor at the 30th annual photo contest of the White House News Photographers Association. Presidential Advisor Henry Kissinger made the presentation.

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The Henry R. Luce Hall of News Reporting in the Smithsonian's National Museum of History and Technology was officially opened April 30 to the press and invited guests, and to the public on May 1.

Historical highlights of News Reporting featured in the new Hall: the Boston Newsletter, 1704; first daily paper — Pennsylvania Evening Post and Daily Advertiser, 1703; first Associated Press office, established in 1851; Time Magazine, founded in 1923; Newsweek Magazine, begun in 1933; Life and Look magazines, established in 1936 and 1937; and KDKA, Pittsburgh, first licensed radio newscast, 1920.

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The sixth edition of Hudson's Washington News Media Contacts Directory, the most comprehensive directory of the Washington press corps, is out.

It lists 1,756 publications and radio-TV stations plus 2,019 media correspondents.

Magazines, newsletters and periodicals are divided into 91 subject

New York — was born, we spent two decades with McGraw-Hill and now I am dean of the College of Communication (Journalism and R-TV) at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and live happily, still with Peggy and our youngest son and daughter on a hill overlooking the University.

Come and see us. I have gained a few pounds, but Peggy looks just like she did in the wedding picture you ran.

John Wilhelm

categories. Washington correspondents for out-of-town newspapers, radio and TV stations, and magazines are listed by name and state.

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William Beecher, N.Y. Times military correspondent, named deputy assistant secretary for public affairs by Defense Secretary Elliot L. Richardson.

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President and Mrs. Nixon, cabinet members, and other high government officials and members of Congress and diplomats attended the 59th annual White House Correspondents Association dinner.

Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward were awarded the \$1,000 Worth Bingham prize; Stewart Hensley, UPI chief diplomatic correspondent, received the \$500 Merriman Smith Memorial Fund award for presidential coverage in mainland China; and Jean Heller, AP, received the \$1,000 Raymond Clapper Award for her work disclosing the U.S. Public Health Service Tuskegee study.

Among the 1200 persons present were OPC members Fred J. Archobald, James Cary, Leo Cherne, Bob Consigned, Donald P. Doane, Dixon Donnelley, Clifford Evans, Jack Fleischer, Charles S. Foltz, Neal B. Freeman, Angele Gingras, James C. Hagerty, Jerry Hannifin, Robert T. Hartmann, John W. Heffernan, Tom Jarriel, Virginia Kelly, John King, Joseph Laitin, Vivian Lowe, Carl J. Migdail, Robert R. Mullen, Stephen J. McCormick, Michael A. Padev, Robert Pierpont, Harry Rosenfeld, Hobart Rowen, Leonard Saffir, A.A. Schechter, Samuel Stavisky, Jessie Stearns, Marvin L. Stone, Stan Swinton, A.L. Valencia, Fay Gillis Wells, Rep. Lester L. Wolfe, and others.

LETTER FROM BONN

By KARL KOCH

Wined and dined: *Elmer Lower* (ABC-prexy) and *Nick Archer* (news boss) by *Lou Cioffi* as ABC execs tour European buros. And *Martin Schuett* of FRG press office hosting *Dan Schorr* (CBS) on Bonn/Berlin visit with *Kurt DeWitt* (RFE), *Bob Haeger* (USNWR), *Carl Koch* (Industry Week), *Jerry Schwarzkopf* (CBS) and *Bill Long* among those merrily freeloading. Off and away: *Wes Gallagher* (AP-prexy) in Frankfurt saying goodbye to *Dick O'Malley* retiring to quiet lakeside in peaceful (?) Ireland. *Nick Hunter* (McGraw-Hill) off to Pittsburgh for MGH. *Don Jordan* (VOA) with Chancellor *Brandt* party to D.C. meet with *Nixon*. *Ernie Weatherall* now working the ABC side of the radio street after years with CBS ("couldn't turn down the offer.")

OBITUARIES

Holman Harvey, long-time member of the OPC, died March 10 in Charleston, S.C. He was 78, and had been a staff writer on *The Reader's Digest* for 25 years. His newspaper affiliations began with the *Washington Times*, and included the *UP*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *N.Y. Evening Mail*. His investigative reporting of the *Anti-Saloon League* for the *Mail*, sent *William H. Anderson* to prison and broke the influence of the *League*, a powerful political force during *Prohibition*. In 1935 he organized a year-long observance of *Mark Twain's* centenary. He wrote a book entitled *Swing That Music*, published under *Louis Armstrong's* byline, and contributed articles to many publications. He is survived by his widow, the former *Phoebe Guthrie* of Charleston, and by a daughter and son and two grandchildren and by a sister. A son, *Dean H. Harvey*, was killed in WWII.

Eliot Elisofon, photo-journalist, writer and painter, whose beat was the world, died of a cerebral hemorrhage in New York on April 7. He was 61. A *Life* staffer since 1942, he covered the *London blitz*, *African landings* & *Pacific Fleet* during WWII. Books, paintings & film consultancies resulted from his work in *India*, *Africa*, *South America*, *Poland* and *Java*. He was a member of the OPC from 1947-1972.

LETTER FROM BERMUDA

By DORIS MACAULEY

Doris Macauley and husband *Thurston* boarded the dedicated Israeli Captain *Abie Nathan's* little 570-ton converted freighter *PEACE*, which put into the island for minor repairs after a stormy North Atlantic crossing in which a much bigger Norwegian ship was lost with 30 men. The *PEACE* sailed again March 25th hoping its eight knots an hour will bring it to the Mediterranean about April 18th. Nine broadcasters, both Israeli and Arab, will board the *PEACE* from Cyprus, and *Nathan* will finally realize his long-sought dream of broadcasting to both Israel and Arab nations in the cause of peace in the troubled Middle East. *Nathan* has an equally dedicated, all-volunteer 16-man crew of nine nationalities, including a 53-year-old Catholic priest on leave from his *Fairview, N.J.*, church. The *PEACE* has a 230 kw generator to power a 50 kw transmitter and a 192-foot radio mast towering aft. For his project *Nathan* sold his *Tel Aviv* home, restaurant and art gallery. Anyone wanting to help can write *PEACE SHIP Fund*, P.O. Box 1111, F.D.R. Station, New York 10022.

To reach members in the new bar/lounge, phone 581-8713, from 12 noon to 10 p.m. OPC business phone remains 581-8700, from 9-5.

Out of Time-Life (cont'd from page 1)

The *Wall of Clocks* went into storage in the basement, and the grand bar from the *Time-Life* rooms will be stored pending its need in the ballroom, pursuant to an agreement between *Mr. Zatt* and the *WNRC* officers when they were guests at the OPC's Western regional dinner the week before moving.

Among the major decisions the moving committee reached concerned the one small convenience room off the clubroom foyer, some two floors closer to the action than the principal lavatories.

Chauvinism and *pragmatism* merged in discussing whether what had served, and had clearly been designed to serve the ladies of the club, should now be re-placarded, perhaps even re-configured to serve the new, predominantly-male constituency of the premises.

The most advanced and sophisticated thinking prevailed in the committee's decision to recommend that this suite be declared and placarded *The Unisex Room*.

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Elliseva Sayers, OPC/New York, arranged it all. The purpose of the event is to enable OPC/Washington to establish a treasury so that it can afford to sponsor future major news events.

John W. "Pat" Heffernan, chairman of OPC/Washington and former president of the *National Press Club*, will preside. OPC President *Jack Raymond* and members of the board of governors are being invited as guests of the *Washington committee*.

—Julia Edwards



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FAR FROM PERISHING: **Karl Schriftgiesser's** new book, *CMC: An Adventure in Economic Policy Making*, will be published this fall by Prentice-Hall, Inc. Book is study of a \$2 million Ford Foundation grant to the Commission on Money and Credit and its ultimate influence on decision-makers in Washington and Wall Street. Look too for Schriftgiesser's "small book about a wonderful battle for Freedom of the Press that took place in little Londonderry (Vt.) back in the 1880's, in which one George Shanks, as owner-editor of The Londonderry Sifter, battled a corrupt ring of railroad thieves and politicians who tried by many foul means, including imprisonment in the Newfane jail, to shut him up and put his paper out of business. They failed."

APPLAUSE: *The Magic of Light* by Jean Rosenthal and **Lael Wertenbaker** received the George Freedley Memorial Award, jointly with *Run Through* by John Houseman, for the best theater book of 1972. Given by the Theatre Library Association, the award is, so to speak, the Tony for Books... **R. Marshall Stross**, director of the Department of Press, Radio & TV of the Lutheran Church in America's Office for Communications, received the Paul M. Hinkhouse Award for 1973. This "grand award for creative and effective religious communication" is made by the Religious Public Relations Council and was announced at the group's annual convention, held recently in Indianapolis... **Marguerite Cartwright**, United Nations correspondent for the Pittsburgh Courier, back from Pittsburgh, where she attended the Courier's Annual Awards Dinner. Those honored this year included 12 Negro generals and Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas... Signal honor of Marshal of the Academic Procession at Hofstra University's graduation ceremonies falls this year to **Larry Stessin**, Hofstra's professor of management and the OPC's Shoptalk guru.

BY-LINES: Lead story in March Penthouse: **Alan Levy's** "Tim Leary, Won't You Please Come Home?" Issue featured pic of Levy in Switzerland, where he spent a week with Leary, and an item that meeting was memorable for Levy's first, unwelcome experience with hash, "slipped into his dinner, as he recounts..." The Dispatch, published by the Civil War Round table of N.Y. & edited by

Sylvia G.L. Dannett, featured in March **Adele Gutman Nathan's** article, "Another Lincoln Myth." Adele also has piece entitled "A Mencken Memento" in Menckenia, published by Baltimore's Enoch Pratt Library... **Larry Blochman's** novelette *The Fayot Murder* gets jacket play in Ellery Queen's Spring-Summer Anthology. Blochman's *Dr. Coffee and the Other Twin* in May issue of Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine... **Ruth Biemiller's** article, "The Man who Retired, Then Made A Million," featured on cover of April Retirement Living.

ENVIRONMENT (correcting type-loused item in previous Bulletin): **Lack Galub** a judge for National Association of Secondary Material Industries' Earth Day Awards presented April 9 at the Hotel Plaza to print/electronic journalists covering recycling industry... That article by **Janice** and **Charles Robbins** — "People Are Storming Over the Weather" — appeared in April-May National Wildlife.

STATUS CHANGE: **Gilbert E. Busch**, 27-year veteran at Albert Frank-Guenther Law, Inc., named senior v.p. and public relations consultant of the firm, a national advertising and pr agency. Former mayor of Hillsdale, N.J., Busch is active in the N.J. Conference of Mayors, the Public Relations Society of America, the Silurians and the N.Y. Financial Writers Association... **E.R. Gomberg**, pioneer OPCer, retires June 1 after 13 years as exec. v.p. of the Philadelphia Crime Commission, Past president of the National Associations of Citizen Crime Commissions and head of the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and

Youth, Gomberg will be teaching and lecturing on community organization for crime prevention, and representing The American Bar Association in the American Psychiatric Association... **Peter Rehak** leaves Ottawa Bureau of the Montreal Star to become Ottawa correspondent for Time.

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